Invitation of IT companies for investment in Germany

†2622. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Germany has invited the Indian Information Technology companies to make investment there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No invitation on an official level has been extended by the German Government to Indian IT companies to invest in Germany. The German Government through its industry associations and economic promotion agencies at the state level is vigorously scouting abroad, besides its green card initiative, among foreign IT companies to set up subsidiaries in Germany.

Special schemes for Inviting Indian IT professionals to work in Germany and availability of an additional 10,000 green cards were announced by German Chancellor Schroder during his recent visit to India.

(b) to (d) As no Government to Government action is involved, it is for the Information Technology Industry to decide.

Confirmation of Postal Employees

†2623. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to confirm some postal employees;

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